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Tigress Productions Pursues Expansion Strategy with Senior Appointments

- **Pete Lawrence, Head of BBC Features Production, will join Endemol-owned Tigress Productions as Creative Director in 2014**
- **Claire Urquhart, former Head of BBC Features Development, Pan UK, has joined Tigress as Head of Development**
- **Their appointments are part of a new initiative to further expand Tigress's output by adding a portfolio of innovative features and factual entertainment programming to the company's growing slate of specialist factual, wildlife and adventure series**
- **The expansion strategy is being driven by Dick Colthurst, Managing Director of Tigress Productions, and overseen by Colette Foster, Joint Managing Director of Remarkable Television**
- **Both Pete and Claire will be based in Tigress's offices in Bristol**

Endemol UK, one of the UK's largest independent production companies, today announced senior appointments at factual indie Tigress Productions.

Pete Lawrence, who is currently Head of BBC Features Production, will join Tigress as Creative Director at the start of 2014.

Pete is a leading programme maker with over 25 years' experience in creating and producing formats, factual entertainment and documentary films.

As Head of BBC Features Production, he is responsible for overseeing and driving the development of an extensive slate including long running hits such as 'Watchdog', 'Crimewatch', 'Antiques Roadshow', 'Gardeners World' and 'Countryfile'.

In the food genre, Pete brought Nigel Slater to BBC One ('Simple Suppers', 'Dish of the Day'), and has worked with the country's finest chefs and food writers, including Nigella Lawson, Rachel Khoo, Michel Roux, James Martin and Lorraine Pascale.

In documentaries, Pete has delivered ratings winners including 'The Prison Restaurant', 'John Bishop's Sport Relief Hell', 'The Red Nose Desert Trek', and 'Million Pound Bike Ride'. He has also Executive Produced hit formats such as 'DIY SOS' and 'Wanted Down Under' as well as the appeal films for both Comic and Sport Relief.

Since joining the BBC in 2001 Pete's numerous senior roles have included Head of Development, BBC Bristol Factual and Creative Director, Features. He has also Series Produced a diverse portfolio including 'Holiday Swaps' on BBC One and 'Timeshift' on BBC Four.

Claire Urquhart has joined Tigress as Head of Development. Claire had previously been Head of BBC Features Development, Pan UK, since October 2012, during which time her credits included 'Hairy Bikers Asian Odyssey' (BBC Two) and 'The Great British Winter' (BBC Daytime). Her earlier credits as Head of Features & BBC Three Development at BBC Bristol include: 'Supermarket Farm' with Nigel Slater and Adam Henson (BBC One); 'Cash Britain' (BBC One), 'Hairy Bikers: Everyday Gourmet' (BBC Two), 'Lorraine Pascal Fast, Fresh, Easy' (BBC Two), 'Nigelissima' (BBC Two), 'Nigel Slater's Rules of Attraction' (BBC One) and 'Antiques Rescue Squad' (BBC Two).

Prior to this Claire was at Outline Productions where formats she developed included 'The Great British Food Revival' (BBC Daytime), 'The Secret Tourist' (BBC1) and 'Fat Families' (Sky One). Her extensive experience in development has also included roles such as Development Producer, Diverse Bristol and Senior Development Producer, BBC Features & Formats.

Pete's and Claire's appointments are part of a new initiative to further expand Tigress's output by adding a portfolio of innovative features and factual entertainment programming to the company's growing slate of specialist factual, wildlife and adventure series.

The expansion strategy is being driven by Dick Colthurst, Managing Director of Tigress Productions, and overseen by Colette Foster, Joint Managing Director of Remarkable Television.

Dick Colthurst comments: "I'm thrilled that Pete and Claire will be spearheading Tigress's expansion into features and factual entertainment, building on the innovative wildlife and adventure programmes we're currently best known for. They each have a terrific track record and we couldn't ask to have more highly experienced and creative talent in these leading roles."

Colette Foster adds: "Tigress is in a perfect position to build on its long running success and further diversify its output into features and factual entertainment programming. With Pete and Claire joining the brilliant team that Dick has built and led, the company is primed to deliver a new and exciting line up of hit series across a range of genres."

Tigress Productions has built a worldwide reputation for outstanding adventure, science, and wildlife programmes. Their documentaries range from the extraordinary series following climbers on Everest for Discovery, to rigging remote control cameras around a dead hippo to see what comes to eat the two million calorie feast.

Productions in 2013 include the ground-breaking three part TV event, *Africa 2013: Countdown to the Rains*, which has just completed its run on BBC Two; *Naked and Marooned* (Discovery); *Edward VIII: The Lion King* (Channel 4); *Nature Shock* (Channel 5); *Winter Viruses and How to Beat Them* (BBC Two) and programming for *The One Show* (BBC One).

Tigress Productions is part of Endemol UK.

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Endemol UK is one of the largest independent production companies in Britain and incorporates a number of operations including Darlow Smithson (DSP), Initial, Remarkable Television, Tiger Aspect, Tigress and Zeppotron. The company's credits include:

Prime time entertainment: *Big Brother* (Channel 5); *The Million Pound Drop* (Channel 4) and *Your Face Sounds Familiar* (ITV1)

Drama series: *Peaky Blinders* (BBC Two); *Ripper Street* (BBC One); *The Mill* (Channel 4); *Black Mirror* (Channel 4) and *Prisoners Wives* (BBC One)

Comedy: *Benidorm* (ITV1); *Bad Education* (BBC Three); *Mad Fat Diary* (E4); *Mount Pleasant* (Sky Living); *8 Out of Ten Cats* (Channel 4); *Would I Lie to You?* (BBC One)

Popular game shows: *Pointless* (BBC One); *Deal or No Deal* (Channel 4)

Factual entertainment: *Supersize vs. Superskinny* (Channel 4), *SuperScrimpers* (Channel 4); *Secret Eaters* (Channel 4); *Restoration Home* (BBC Two)

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Kids' programming: *Tinga Tinga Tales* (CBeebies); *Jedward's Big Adventure* (CBBC)

Endemol UK is a market leader in digital media and multiplatform entertainment and also incorporates Endemol Games - a dedicated unit specialising in online gaming.

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